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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.
2. The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.
3. The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.
4. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because in line 1, the term "disclosed" is recited. The abstract should avoid using phrases, which can be implied. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).
5. The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

6. As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:
 - (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
 - (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
 - (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.

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- (d) THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT.
- (e) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC.
- (f) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
 - (1) Field of the Invention.
 - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- (g) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
- (h) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- (i) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- (j) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (k) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (l) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

7. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The specification contains a heading entitled "Detailed Description Of The Drawings". In the specification, only a brief description of the drawings is required. However, a detailed description of the invention is required, which is omitted by the present invention.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Parikh et al (US 6,408,177).

9. In regards to claim 1, Parikh discloses a method of routing a call to a voice mailbox based on a redirecting number (See col. 6-7 lines 58-9), the method comprising: receiving a call from an originating device (See Fig. 2 caller 100/101) at a first redirecting device; forwarding the call from the first redirecting device to a second redirecting device, the forwarded call having an associated data message that includes a calling number of the originating device (See col. 5 lines 11-16), and a first redirecting number of the first redirecting device; forwarding the call from the second redirecting device to a destination voice mailbox (e.g., voicemail of subscriber 106/107), the destination voice mailbox selected based on an evaluation of the first redirecting number and the second redirecting number (See 6-7 lines 36-9).

10. In regards to claim 2, Parikh discloses the method, wherein the destination voice mailbox is provided by a voicemail system (See Fig. 3 and voicemail application 128) (See col. 6 lines 36-41).

11. In regards to claim 3, Parikh discloses the method, wherein at least one of the first and the second redirecting numbers is compared to a set of predetermined authorized redirecting numbers and wherein the voice mailbox is selected from a group of available voice mailboxes based upon at least one of the first and the second redirecting numbers (See col. 6-7 lines 36-9).

12. In regards to claims 4, 7, 8, and 9, Parikh discloses a method and system of processing an intelligent network communication, the method comprising: receiving a query message at a switch control point (See Fig. 2 and call management system 110) (See col. 4 lines 51-53); determining that inbound call data includes a redirecting

number; formulating a response message to the query message, the response message to indicate an address for a destination voicemail account, the address determined based upon the redirecting number; sending the response message to a service switching point; routing a call to the destination voicemail account based upon the address (See col. 6-7 lines 36-9).

13. In regards to claim 5, Parikh discloses the method, further comprising comparing the redirecting number to a plurality of authorized redirecting numbers (e.g., numbers associated with the multiple voicemail boxes) (See col. 6 lines 36-41 and col. 6-7 lines 58-9).

14. In regards to claim 6, Parikh discloses the method, wherein the response message indicates forwarding the call to the destination voicemail account only when the redirecting number is found within the plurality of authorized redirecting numbers (See col. 6 lines 36-41 and col. 6-7 lines 58-9).

15. In regards to claim 10, Parikh discloses the system, wherein the service switching point is coupled to a signaling system 7 type of communication link (See col. 6 lines 58-64).

16. In regards to claims 11 and 19, Parikh discloses the system, wherein the redirecting number is not found on an authorized list of redirecting numbers and wherein the call is routed to a default home voicemail system (See col. 5-6 lines 66-11).

17. In regards to claim 12, Parikh discloses the system, wherein the second service switching point receives a message that includes a calling number, a called number, a

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first redirecting number, and a second redirecting number (See co. 5 lines 11-26 and col. 6-7 lines 36-9).

18. In regards to claims 13 and 14, Parikh discloses the system, wherein the second service switching point includes a memory that stores data related to a plurality of different voicemail accounts (See col. 6 lines 36-41).

19. In regards to claims 15, 16, and 18, Parikh discloses the system, wherein the first redirecting number is associated with a work phone and wherein the first voice mailbox is a designated work voicemail account (See col. 4 lines 64-67).

20. In regards to claim 17, Parikh discloses the system, wherein a first greeting is presented upon access to the first voice mailbox and a second greeting is presented upon access to the second voice mailbox (See col. 4 lines 23-37).

Conclusion

21. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Koch et al (US Patent Application Publication, Pub. No.: US 2004/0114730 A1) teach systems and methods for intelligent third-party redirection of an incoming call via a display-based communication center. Williams (US Patent Application Publication, Pub. No.: US 2004/0105536 A1) teach a system for providing access to a voice mail system.

22. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P. Knowlin whose telephone number is (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

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23. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wing Chan can be reached on (571) 272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

24. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thjuan P. Knowlin', with a stylized, cursive script.

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